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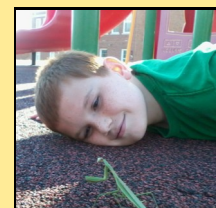
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MSD STUDENTS



Kindergarten Students
as Future Designers

At Work & Play



An Inquiring Mind and
a Praying Mantis



Just Havin' Fun



A Smart Board Adds Visual
Interest to a Reading Lesson

Shared Reading Project's Keys to Success:

Training for Site Coordinators

March 27-29, 2012

Hosted by the Missouri School for the Deaf

Location: [Deaf Empowerment Awareness Foundation, Inc.](#)

25 East Frisco Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63119

Early bird registration: \$250 (\$325 after February 1, 2012)

Registration deadline: February 27, 2012

Registration fee includes all materials, lunch, and snacks.

Join one of the most successful national programs for encouraging families to read daily in American Sign Language with their deaf or hard of hearing children!

The Shared Reading Project: Keys to Success Training for Site Coordinators offers schools and programs a three-day comprehensive training program on how to set up a Shared Reading Project site. The training covers topics such as preparing staff, communicating with families, engaging tutors, setting up a lending library of Shared Reading Book Bags, and budget planning and advertising.

[For more information](#)

Limited enrollment, so register now! Register at: [SRP registration](#)



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UPCOMING EVENTS

PEPNet 2.0 Training Institute

New Orleans, Louisiana

July 9–14, 2012

Update

PEPNet is looking for innovative proposals for the 2012 PEPNet 2.0 Training Institute.

In order to get more of these proposals, the deadline has been extended to ***Friday, February 3, 2012!*** If your proposal covers the following topics (this is just a short list of possible topics), this conference is for you!

- Universal Design
- Accommodations for students who are deaf or hard of hearing or who have co-occurring disabilities
- Technology use/innovative ideas using technology
- Teaching and transition of students who are deaf or hard of hearing or who have co-occurring disabilities
- Making online courses accessible
- Captioned media
- Advising and program management

For more information, please go to www.pepnet.org/pti or contact Cassie Franklin, PTI Chair, at cassie.franklin@pepnet.org.

2012 Power Up Assistive Technology (AT) Conference & Expo

Holiday Inn Executive Center

Columbia, MO

April 2-3, 2012

This year's conference features an array of national and regional presenters to strengthen the capacity of educators, special education staff, occupational and physical therapists, speech language pathologists, librarians, technology staff, etc. on Assistive Technology (AT) and related issues.

Discover new AT devices and resources from interactive sessions. The 2012 conference includes national presenters on the ever-changing world of iPads and other iDevices and applications for students and others with disabilities. Other session topics will include augmentative communication devices, hearing devices for classrooms, AT and transition, accessible instructional materials, AT for students with autism, and many others. Participants will also try out adaptive software and hardware in the Expo Hall.

Watch for a listing of sessions coming soon on Missouri Assistive Technology's website at: <http://www.at.mo.gov/powerup/index.html>. Registration forms and session descriptions will be available on the site in early January.

Frequently Asked Questions

Question: What type of students attend the Missouri School for the Deaf and do any of them talk?

Answer:

Missouri children ages 5 through 21, with any degree of hearing loss, can be referred by a local school district Individualized Education Program (IEP) team to the Missouri School for the Deaf (MSD). A wide range of hearing losses are represented on campus, ranging from hard of hearing to profound deafness. Students come from all over the state and include those who rely primarily on sign language, those who use speech, and those who use a combination of both. A number of students attending MSD have cochlear implants. Some students with *disabilities not related to hearing can be served appropriately on our campus. All the students benefit from a visually supportive academic and social environment.

MSD is known for its campus-wide use of American Sign Language (ASL). Students who attend the school generally become fluent ASL signers. However, many students also use speech with other student "talkers" and with hearing adults. A licensed speech/language pathologist provides both speech and language therapy to MSD students.

*Many individuals in the Deaf Community prefer to not use the term, "disability", to describe hearing loss. It is a source of pride to these individuals that they can do anything except hear.

MSD Outreach Services

Free Services

- Information about hearing loss and appropriate educational services for deaf or hard-of-hearing students
- Audiological exams and APD testing for Missouri children birth through 21
- School visits and consultation by a deaf educator
- Inservice presentations for schools
- Language assessment for deaf and hard-of-hearing students unable to be appropriately tested in their home districts
- **Families First:** An early intervention program for families with deaf or hard of hearing children birth to five **E-mail:** ff@msd.dese.mo.gov

Rental Program

- Annual leases of personal and group amplification systems to schools

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First Choice Not Last Resort



FAMILIES FIRST

EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Parent Advisors with this program provide home visits for deaf or hard of hearing children from birth through 5 years of age. Parent Advisors offer the family information, support, and encouragement, as well as provide ideas for strategies parents may use to help a child develop in the areas of language acquisition, communication, and social and emotional skills. All services are provided free. Families must live in Missouri to qualify.

For more information:

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MSD Outreach Services: Audiology

Dr. Alison Burco administers free hearing evaluations to Missouri children, from birth through age 21. She is available Monday-Friday for testing and consultations concerning hearing aids, FM systems, cochlear implants and other issues related to deafness. Dr. Burco can be contacted at the MSD Resource Center on Deafness, phone # 573-592-2543, voice or TDD.

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Transition Workshop A Road Map to the Future: Person-Centered Planning

Thursday, March 15, 2012

9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Stoney Creek Inn and Conference Center, Columbia, MO.

Intended Audience: Teachers, Administrators and families of students with significant disabilities, including those with visual impairment and deafblindness

"Person-centered planning" is a transition tool used to identify vocational, social, home, and community targets to be achieved by the time the student leaves school. "Person-centered planning" compliments the IEP process and can be used as a tool to inform IEP team decisions. "Person-centered planning" can be used to identify educational activities which integrate functional student needs with academic content. "Person-centered planning" combines features of Making Action Plans (MAPs), Group Action Planning (GAP), Planning Alternative Tomorrows with Hope (PATH), and Choosing Outcomes and Accommodations for Children (COACH) to provide a means for coordinating educational planning.

To register, go to <http://www.msb.dese.mo.gov/>, select Additional Resources and then Professional Development.

Contact Jennie Mascheck, Coordinator, Outreach Services, Missouri School for the Blind for more information at jennie.mascheck@msb.dese.mo.gov or 314-776-4320 ext. 1250.